



Thoughts from Dan

District Superintendent



“Toward Full Participation”

As we all know, enthusiastically funding the worldwide work of the C&MA is a challenge we passionately desire to see embraced by a growing percentage of Alliance constituents. As a reminder, about 40% of members and adherents of C&MA churches who regularly support their local church finances also give regularly to the Great Commission Fund (GCF). The goal of our president, Gary Benedict, and our national leadership team is to see this increase to 60%. I’m not sure how we are doing with that presently, but I’m pretty confident we have quite a way to go. Present C&MA funding models are being carefully reviewed with an eye toward changes that will streamline and make them easier to understand and embrace by Alliance people.

I am thankful, as is our president, for every dollar given toward completing the Great Commission. The report of GCF giving from Northeastern District Churches in 2011 shows a 1.5% (\$21,639) increase over 2010. I praise the Lord for that, especially as our National economy has remained lethargic in its recovery. Thank you for your part in this!

All Alliance churches have received a two minute “THANK YOU for making a difference” DVD from President Benedict. If you have not already shown this in your church, please do so very soon adding your personal thanks and mine, as well.

Moving toward full participation in GCF support requires looking for, and being receptive to creative and effective ideas from churches that have fully embraced the challenge. Our Ballston Spa Church is a good example.

In 2011 the church challenged each person/family to give something, even if only a small amount. The result was 97% participation in giving to the GCF. Only a few shut-ins and members who have moved away did not participate. I’m sure the church’s vision and desire is to repeat this in 2012 and to see regular 100% participation by their congregation become the norm.

The church writes, “We would like to challenge the other District Churches to do the same . . . The effect may result in enough to prevent the end-of-the-year shortfall (I add, “even well beyond”) if pastors and congregations catch the vision.”

I’ve caught it – will you?!

Your partner in the gospel,

Dan

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Church Health and Multiplication

Jon Martin, Director



“Response Time”

Growing up on a small family farm in Ohio, I was always amazed at how determined our cattle came through the barn door and headed for the same stanchion to lap up their feed. This happened routinely, often without incident. Yes, there were the occasional times when “Bessie” seemed confused and flustered and headed for a different place only to be confronted with the disapproving head butt of “Daisy” who soon got “Bessie” out of her stupor and headed in the right direction. But generally it all was predictable and on schedule. Later, as a teen, I had occasions to assist another farmer who had a more up- to-date system: a “milking parlor” that was equipped to care for 16 cows at the same time. It included a computerized feeder and a state of the art milking system. For a few hours, like clock work, a different set of 16 cows entered and left the milking parlor every few minutes.

I certainly am not trying to convey that cows and churches are comparable! However, when we evaluate back to back/multiple services or other good Christian events, does part of the planning of a worship service include adequate “response time” or is the mechanical objective to see how many people we can get in and out the door prior to the “next event?” I have been to some extremely good services where I was both moved by quality planned worship sets and powerful dynamic preaching, yet left sensing the Holy Spirit many have wanted people to respond either by way of a silent meditation or a response at an altar, etc. Without such an opportunity given and the “rush” to the next event/service, some may wonder if they have just been “robbed” spiritually. It takes a lot to put together an effective worship service and even a response time can be seen as being mechanical, predictable, forced, playing on one’s emotions or manipulative. However, if God wants to end your service differently, as the Holy Spirit is moving in a person’s heart, soul and mind, is there flexibility for the “next item on the agenda?” Is there opportunity for a genuine “response time” or are there additional planned items in the service that make any response seem to be a bit awkward or there simply is not enough flex time allowed? Once a person goes through those doors to the next event, we cannot assume they will re-play the worship service scene and do business with the Holy Spirit. The “soft and tender” moments may be gone!

A key coaching question: “What opportunities are provided for “response time” to God’s speaking to hearts during the sermon/service?”

As we pray, plan and hear from the Lord to minister, trusting Him to “transform hearts and lives,” let’s make sure our worship schedule is not so full that it does not allow for adequate “response time.”

For a Healthier Today and Tomorrow,

Jon



NED Notices

Christian Based Counseling Services

Mr. James F. Lewis, MS, LMHC
2700 Bellevue Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13219
315-425-1943
Christian counseling for Individual
(Adult & Adolescent)
Marriage & Family
Mental Health and Addictions
Jim is a recognized Christian
worker with the C&MA.

Great Commission Fund

Giving to the
Great Commission Fund
from Northeastern District
Churches of \$1,463,888
for twelve months of 2011
is 101.5% compared
to the same time in 2010.

Resonate August 20—23, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Colorado Springs, CO
All new official workers who
are in their first year of service
are invited to attend *Resonate*,
the C&MA's New Official
Workers Forum (NOWF).
This event is designed especially
for new official workers and for
those official workers who have
not previously attended a NOWF.
By attending, a new worker will
fulfill one of the requirements
toward ordination or
consecration. Registration
information will be forthcoming.
Save the Date!

A special Congratulations goes out
to the Kingston Alliance Church,
Kingston, NY for being the first
district church to complete their
Annual Report on January 10.

ATTENTION

District senior pastors and
church office personnel

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Annual Report to the President.

District Deadline:

Wednesday, February 1.

This report must be completed by
every District church.
It would be very much appreciated
if you would please make every
effort to submit your
December 31, 2011, church
Annual Report by Wednesday,
February 1, 2012, even if a later
date is specified on the material
sent directly to your church by the
National Office. Your cooperation
in completing the report by
February 1 will allow time for the
District Office to review all District
church Annual Reports and
formulate information for their
District and Prayer Conference
Reports. It is crucial for ALL senior
pastors to carefully verify each
statistic submitted for your church.

Ordination/Consecration In-Service Training

ATTENTION

Provisional official workers and
those preparing for ordination or
consecration. Please note that
Tuesdays, **March 20** and
October 16, 2012,
are *In-Service Training* days
at the Delta Lake Bible
Conference Center, Rome, NY
from 10:00 AM—3:15 PM.

A cordial invitation is also
extended to all District Official
Workers and spouses to attend
this training which qualifies for
Continuing Education credit.

The Alliance Prayer Requests

Prayer is the primary work
of God's people.

Join the thousands of
Alliance people who get
The Alliance Prayer Requests
conveniently delivered
each Tuesday
to their inbox.

Sign up by visiting
www.cmalliance.org/pray.

Thank you for your prayers.

Charity Items

Available until **February 17, 2012**

**9 pairs of semi-private,
light weight, top pleat,
traverse rod curtains**

**Color: Soft tweed beige tones
All curtains slightly worn**

- 4 pairs 24" W X 39" L
- 1 pair 24" W X 39 1/2" L
- 1 pair 24" W X 56" L-
- 1 pair 25 1/2" W X 39 1/2" L
- 1 pair 25 1/2" W X 56" L
- 1 pair 48" W X 56" L
- 1 pair POCKET ROD Curtains:
slightly soiled, semi-private, light
weight 38 1/2" W X 38" L
- 2 pair dark brown tweed semi-
private, light weight, pleated,
traverse rod curtains: 24" W X
39" L
- 7 dark brown wood grain traverse
rods: 29 1/2-48"
- 1 dark brown wood grain traverse
rod
- 1 light mauve tone secretary
swivel chair
- 1 black secretary swivel chair
- 7 horizontal, light brown blinds:
35 1/2" X 56"

All sizes are *approximate*. Items
available first come/first served.

Contact Jon Martin at:
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315-336-4720 ext 205



Parsonage to Parsonage

by: Elaine W. Miller



February—the love month! I think God loves "love" because "God is love." As one of the fruits of the spirit, love blooms should burst from our lives. Oh my, imagine if all Christians would obey all of God's love commands. We would change the world. Think about these love verses:

"...love your enemies...."
 "Husbands, love your wives...."
 "Love your neighbor...."
 "Love each other as I have loved you."
 "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else...."
 "... love one another deeply from the heart."
 "...remain in my love."
 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."
 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."
 "... these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
 "...the fruit of the spirit is love...."
 "Love is patient...."
 "I pray that you being rooted and established in love...."
 "...live a life of love...."
 "...over all these virtues put on love...."
 "Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

This month I'm spending my devotional time pondering love verses. If we lived God's love as a District, I can't even imagine what He might do. The world is watching us to see what Jesus is like. May they see we are Christ followers because we love one another. Our every word and deed should reveal to all that indeed, "God is love."

Love you in February and always,

Elaine

2012 Calendar of Events

**Please join us in 2012 and experience:
Olympic Faith
"Carrying the Torch"**

Feb 10-12	Teen Chill Weekends
Feb 17-19	
Feb 24-26	
Mar 23-25	Delta Singles Retreat
Apr 13-15	Spring Haven
Jun 3-6	Senior Saints Advance
Jun 24-29	Staff Orientation
Jun 29-Jul 7	Family Bible Camp
Jul 8-14	Trailblazer Adventure
Jul 9-13	Haven 1
Jul 15-21	Pioneer
Jul 16-20	Haven 2
Jul 22-28	Explorer
Jul 23-27	Haven 3
Jul 27-29	Staff Reunion Weekend
Jul 30-Aug 3	Haven 4
Aug 3-5	Cottagers' and Friends Weekend
Aug 6-10	Haven 5
Aug 13-17	Haven 6
Aug 31-Sep 3	Family Get Away Weekend
Oct 19-20	Annual Board Meeting
Oct 19-21	Harvest Haven

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Delta Singles Retreat

NEW!

The Delta Singles Retreat is a new weekend retreat for adult singles and those who are single again.

Guest Speaker:
Tom and Luann Brunner



Topic:
Hope from the Past for the Future

Cost: \$100.00 per person
\$5.00 for linens (if needed)

Mark your calendars!

MARCH 23-24, 2012

Friday March 23, 2012

6-7 pm	Register
7:15 pm	Session 1
Small Group	Breakout
9:00 pm	Snack
9:30 pm	Volleyball
10:30 pm	Rest

Saturday March 24, 2012

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 2
Small Group	Breakout
11:00 am	Free time
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Session 3
Small Group	Breakout
3:00 pm	Group Activity
5:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Session 4
Small Group	Breakout
8:00 pm	Coffee House
?	Rest

Sunday March 25, 2012

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 5
Small Group	Breakout
11:30 am	Lunch and Pack

Cost: \$100 per person

Register online at

www.deltalake.org

or call 315-336-7210



Evangelism Minute

Winter is often a difficult time of year as people deal daily with longer hours of darkness and variable weather conditions. This season, for some, becomes challenging and even discouraging.

If there is a parallel to the spiritual realm, it is that we as God's redeemed constantly battle against forces of darkness. Satan and his demonic army delight in frustrating Christians and getting us off course and weary of continuing in the work of the Great Commission. As an exhortation, Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

It is also good to be reminded of the armor God gives His children in this epic battle. Paul writes about this in Ephesians chapter 6. Ephesians. 6:10-12 read like this: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." May we all have our armor on and go forth in the victory Christ has already won for us. Glory to His Name.

What are some things we can be doing to reach into the lives of those in darkness with the Gospel of Christ?

- One of our churches is showing the movie "Courageous" with the hope to share Christ with those who come and to see a men's group born from it to minister to Christian men and to reach out to non-Christian men.
- Another church has a "Kids Time" ministry at their church immediately after school on Wednesday's. This has impacted entire families with some coming to Christ and being assimilated into the church.
- Another church is starting a weight loss ministry to both men and women that is Christ centered, with the hope to build up believers and to reach unbelievers with the Gospel.

These are just a few of the things going on around the District. If you have any ministries that are unique that are reaching the lost and building up the believer, please pass that on to your Evangelism Committee.

For Your Evangelism Committee, Tom Howell

TEEN CHILL 2012

Come have a blast in the snow!
The junior and senior high snow camps are combined again! This year there are **THREE** weekends! Each camp is open to teens in grades 6-12.

Choose a weekend!
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2012
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012
FEBRUARY 24-26, 2012

The winter camps at Delta Lake are filled with fun while studying God's Word. We'll be having fun out in the snow with winter competitions and great prizes!

Speakers:
Jay Trainer from Infuzion will be speaking again this year! Read his bio to learn more!

Topic: Dare to be a Daniel

Are you great male?
Infuzion will be leading the praise and worship for all three Teen Chill weekends.

Registration opens Friday at 7:00 pm
Departure on Sunday at 1:00 pm

NOTICE: These retreats are limited to 110 youth and leaders per weekend!
Only the first 110 registrations with registration fee will be accepted.
A Chaperone must be at least 20 years of age.

COST: \$100.00 per camper
\$75.00 per chaperone

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:
 Sleeping bag
 Pillows and sheets
 Warm clothes!
 Hat and gloves
 Towels
 Boots
 Notebook and pen
 Bible
 Instruments (optional)

No electronics allowed including cell phones as hours of downtime can result in you! (ugh, please leave distractions at home!)

About the Speaker:
Jay Trainer is a traveling motivational speaker and youth pastor. His ministry, Infuzion, aims at bringing teens into a saving and thriving relationship with Jesus Christ. Jay, along with Infuzion, partners with youth ministries to provide retreats, conferences, and events that will bring teens into a close encounter with the Lord. The team continues to travel around the Northeast USA and Southern Canada sharing the hope of wholeness found only in Christ.

Jay brings over eight years of vocational youth ministry experience to the table. He is currently constructing a new youth ministry program while working as the Student Ministries Pastor at Church Radiant in the Rochester, NY area. Jay has been married to his wife, Marie, for seven years and they have two children.

About Infuzion:
It is the mission of Infuzion to spiritually impact people of this generation for Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. It is the vision of Infuzion to see spiritually healthy, whole, and vibrant ministries, teens, and programs alike; living pure, holy, and whole lives as the Lord desires.

Don't miss out on all the fun!

VISIT WWW.DELTALAKE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION!

81st Annual District and Prayer Conference May 7–9, 2012
 Theme: **NET-working: "From now on you will catch men."** Luke 5:10b
 Trinity Alliance Church, 1275 Spencerport Rd., Rochester, NY 14606

February 13 – Introductory Packets mailed to all District Official Workers

February 13 – April 6, 2012 – Online **Registration open:** <http://www.cmalliance.org/events/>

Registration Fees: \$70.00 Official Worker/Lay Delegate, \$40.00 Corresponding Delegate

After April 6: \$90.00 Official Worker/Lay Delegate, \$60.00 Corresponding Delegate

March 30, 2012 – District Committee/Leadership Conference Reports due at District Office

April 6, 2012 – Lay Delegate's Authorization Form: due at the District Office

April 13, 2012 – Items due for Packets to be distributed at Conference

May 7, 2012 – Monday Evening: 7:00 PM, Public Service at Trinity Alliance Church

May 8, 2012 – Tuesday: 12:00 PM; **Pastors' Wives and Women Official Workers Luncheon** at Gates Wesleyan Church, 2060 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY. Cost: \$7.00.

May 8, 2012 – Tuesday Evening: 6:00 PM, **Evangelism Banquet** for all registered conferees. For non-delegates attending the Banquet only the cost is \$27.00 per person. Location: Holiday Inn, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester, NY. Guest speaker: Rev. Ralph S. Trainer.

NED CALENDAR

February 2012

- 1 **Church Annual Reports** Due
- 7 DEXCOM Meeting
District Office, 10:00 AM
- 10-12 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC
- 13 **Conference Online
Registration Open**
- 17-19 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC
- 20 **PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY**
District Office Closed
- 21 NED Connection Items due
at District Office
- 24-26 Youth Winter Weekend, DLBCC

March 2012

- 20 Ordination/Consecration
In-Service Training
(Continuing Ed), DLBCC
10:00 AM-3:30 PM
- 22 Evangelism Committee
District Office, 10:00 AM
- 22 DMC Mtg., Baldwinsville
10:00 AM
- 23-24 March Madness Scramble
Quiz Tournament
- 26 NED Connection Items due
at District Office
- 30 **Conference Reports** due at
District Office



The essentials of missional preaching ... focusing on the what, why, and to what end

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Tizon's honest, passionate, and experienced pastor's voice is strong and encouraging—a worthy partner in the conversation about the nature of Christian preaching, vision, and community.

Schedule

- 10:30 a.m. [Registration](#)
- 11 a.m. Roberts Wesleyan College Chapel
What Does a Missional Church Look Like
- 12 p.m. Lunch, Lecture and Dialogue
Missional Preaching I
- 1:45 p.m. Lecture
Missional Preaching II

Cost \$30

Location 2265 Westside Drive
Rochester, N.Y. 14624

Contact seminary@nes.edu 585.594.6800

www.nes.edu

March 5
2012



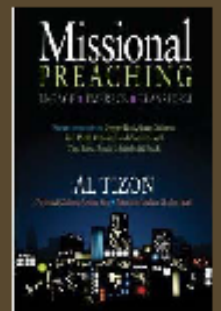
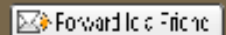
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Word & Deed Network, Dir.
Assoc. Prof. Evangelism & Holistic
Ministry, Palmer Seminary

REGISTRATION

AL TIZON'S BLOG

SPRING EVENTS



International Worker in need of CAR!!!

Dr. Renee Valach, Northeastern District International Worker to Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa will be on Home Assignment from April—September 2012.

She is from the Rochester area and would be grateful for use of a reliable used car during these months.

Please contact AWM Director, Daisy Wallace at: dbw4@cornell.edu

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The NED Web
nedcma.org

NED Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Friday
8:00 AM -2:00 PM

Office Staff Devotions
8:30-9:00 AM

Lunch Break
12:00-1:00 PM
Voice mail is available

Please feel free to call
Dan Miller or Jon Martin
at home if necessary

**Looking for Pastors
or Interim Pastors in NY**

Fulton, Geneva, Port Crane
Rome, Sidney, Walton
Waverly, and Whitesville

**Looking for
Assistant, Associate or
Youth Pastors**

Horseheads and Syracuse

NED Resources

Membership Certificates
Please contact **Debra Martin**
at the District Office
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Continuing Education Credit
All classes/books/seminars
that qualify for
Continuing Education
should be reported for credit.
A pdf form is provided on the
NED website as well as on-line
reports for your convenience.
Hard copies should be mailed to:
The Northeastern District/C&MA
Attention: Debra Martin
6275 Pillmore Dr
Rome, NY 13440

District Resources:

To download the
2012 District Events Calendar
visit
<http://nedcma.org/554544.ihtml>
or contact Tracy Murphy at
office@nedcma.org.

Welcome

**Mr. Nathan C. and
Jacqueline C. Detweiler**
Assistant Pastor at
New Life Fellowship C&MA
Saratoga Springs, NY
203 East Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-848-1951
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In Transition

Rev. Kenneth R.
and **Wendy M. Ferguson**
to International Ministries

NED Connection Articles
for March 2012
are due to the attention of
Debra Martin
dmartin@nedcma.org
by Monday
February 20, 2012

District Prayer Chain

Miss E. Lorraine Regnier
District Prayer Coordinator
Prayer requests will be
distributed throughout
the Northeastern District
family by contacting
Lorraine directly at
lorregnier@aol.com
OR 518-356-1098

Sympathy

Mrs. Barbara VanDixhorn
Mother of Rev. Steven K. VanDixhorn
December 15, 2011

**Mrs. Dorothea E.
(Rev. David M.) Irvine**
Widow of former District Pastor
January 9, 2012

Mrs. Marion Nace
Mother of Mrs. Charm Fields
(pastor's wife at Ithaca)
January 16, 2012

Mrs. Joann (Mr. Aaron) Boyce
Widow of former caretaker at DLBCC
January 16, 2012

Mr. John Wyant
Father of Mrs. Becky Mindek
District International Worker
January 21, 2012

Rev. George B. Osborne
Retired former District Pastor
January 23, 2012

District Directory Update

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607-684-3631 (cell)